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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION REACHED AT BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE

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- 1. POLITICAL OFFICER DISCUSSED SUBJECT DEMARCHE WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR MANDERSON-JONES AUGUST 30. DR. MANDERSON-JONES ELABORATED ON HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE GERMAN CHARGE (REFTEL (A)) AND SAID THAT IT IS UNCLEAR TO HIM JUST WHAT THE GOJ IS BEING ASKED TO DO, OR TO GET INVOLVED IN. HE REITERATED THAT JAMIACA IN GENERAL IS STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION TO COMBAT TERRORISM AND HIJACKING. JAMAICA HAS SIGNED THE THREE CONVENTIONS BUT HAS NOT YET RATIFIED THE HAGUE OR TOKYO CONVENTIONS BECAUSE OF BUREACRATIC DELAYS AND LACK OF LEGAL MANPOWER.
- 2. MANDERSON-JONES SAID THAT THE GERMAN CHARGE HAD ASKED BOTH FOR "SUPPORT" OF AND "ACCESSION" TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BONN DECLARATION, AND HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN.HE DOES UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT PUSHING FOR A FORMAL INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, BUT WOULD "ACCESSION TO PRINCIPLES" MEAN THAT GOJ WOULD UNILATERALLY BIND ITSELF TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SANCTIONS? ALSO, HE ASKED IF WE COULD CLARIFY WHETHER SUPPORT OF AND ACCESSION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PRINCIPLES MEANS, IN FACT, A BINDING COMMITMENT TO ENFORECE SANCTIONS WITHOUT DISCRETION. ANY SUCH COMMITMENTS WOULD POSE LEGAL PROBLEMS FOR THE GOJ. POLITICAL OFFICER REPLIED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THESE POINTS WITH THE GERMAN CHARGE AND PREFERRED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO ANSWER THE QUERIES IMMEDIATELY.

3. MANDERSON-JONES HAS REFERRED THE MATTER TO HIS NEW YORK AND

BONN MISSIONS, REQUESTING INQUIRIES TO BE MADE, AND THE GERMAN
CHARGE HAS ALSO REQUESTED CLARIFICATION FROM BONN.
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